GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4606
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MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to remove the existing limit of 1 per cent for total glutamate a constituent of monosodium glutamate (MSG) content in processed food;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to dilute some of its effective provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) In pursuance of the recommendation of Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), a statutory Committee under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act 1954, a draft notification for further amending the provisions of PFA Rules, 1955, were published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary vide NO. GSR 76(E) dated 7.2.2001 inviting objections or suggestions to the proposed draft rules. The draft amendment proposes to remove the existing limit of 1 percent of Glutamate content and to allow the use of Mono-Sodium Glutamate as per good manufacturing practices in all the food products.
The final notification will take into consideration the comments/objections received from the public.